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No official returns being issued on the last days of the old and the first days of the new year, it is possible that other cases have since occurred which will be reported later.

One of the vernacular papers gives an account of a curious experiment which it states is about to be officially tried in Osaka for the destruction of rats. This consists in the distribution by baiting of the cultures of "rat typhoid," which is asserted to be speedily fatal to rodents and to be harmless to man.

Should there prove to be really anything in this item I will endeavor to obtain full information on the subject and to follow the results of the attempt to produce a beneficial epizootic.

Respectfully,

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NETHERLANDS.

Report from Rotterdam.

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, *January 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended the 15th instant no vessels were inspected by me. But beginning on that date all vessels will hereafter be inspected. During the week I have made all arrangements possible for future inspections. In order to notify the shipping interests that inspections would hereafter be required, a circular letter was drawn up and a copy sent to all persons interested in shipping, as far as I was able to learn. A copy of this letter is inclosed. In company with the consul I have visited the Netherland-American Steamship Company's directors, and they have agreed to aid me as much as possible in my inspections. I have also, in company with Consul Listal, called upon the United States consul at Amsterdam. I have nowhere met with any marked opposition to the establishing of an inspection service at this port. The present status of shipping at this port will form the subject of a separate letter.

Respectfully,

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Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON GENERAL,
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[Inclosure.]

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, *January 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have been detailed by the President of the United States as the representative of the Marine-Hospital Service at this port, in order to enforce the quarantine regulations, and am attached to the United States consulate.

In accordance with my instructions, on and after January 15, 1900, all vessels leaving this port for any port in the United States will be inspected by me, and I will countersign the bill of health. Such inspection will include an examination of the condition of the vessel, the crew and passengers, including their baggage, and will be made by daylight, as late before sailing as possible.

You are requested to make application for a bill of health to the United States consulate at least twenty-four hours before the intended hour of departure, stating when it is expected the vessel will sail, where she is lying, and at what hour the crew may all be mustered aboard for inspection.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,
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